

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Amended)** A process for preparing a metered dose inhaler comprising a container closed with a metering valve, said metered dose inhaler containing a pharmaceutical composition suitable for inhalation by a patient, comprising the steps of:

preparing a pharmaceutical suspension formulation consisting essentially of a therapeutically effective amount of one or more particulate drugs sufficient to provide a plurality of therapeutically effective doses of the one or more drugs drug and a propellant selected from the group consisting of HFC 134a, HFC 227, and a mixture thereof, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension formulation contains no surfactant or less than an effective stabilizing amount of surfactant; and

providing said particulate one or more drugs drug and said propellant in said metered dose inhaler to prepare a metered dose inhaler containing said pharmaceutical composition.

2. **(Original)** The process of claim 1, wherein said metering valve contains a surfactant as a lubricant for the metering valve.

3. **(Original)** The process of claim 2, wherein said metering valve comprises a valve stem and said valve stem contains a surfactant as a lubricant for the valve stem.

4. **(Original)** The process of claim 2, wherein a pharmaceutical suspension is first prepared in bulk outside of said metered dose inhaler and then transferred to said metered dose inhaler equipped with said metering valve using a valve to valve transfer method.

5. **(Original)** The process of claim 3, wherein a pharmaceutical suspension is first prepared in bulk outside of said metered dose inhaler and then transferred to said metered dose inhaler equipped with said metering valve using a valve to valve transfer method.

6. **(Original)** The process of claim 2, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension is provided in a first container and is then transferred into said metered dose inhaler through said metering valve.

7. **(Original)** The process of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension is prepared in said metered dose inhaler.

8. **(Original)** The process of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension formulation contains a single drug.

9. **(Original)** The process of claim 2, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension formulation contains a single drug.

10. (Original) The process of claim 3, wherein said pharmaceutical suspension formulation contains a single drug.

11-20. (Cancelled)